CSC 261/461: Database Systems, Fall 2018

Homework 2 Released: 10/3

Due: 10/7, 11:59 PM

Problem 1 (8 points)

Consider the database schema below:

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Product (maker, model, type)

PC (model, speed, ram, hd, price)

Laptop (model, speed, ram, hd, screen, price)

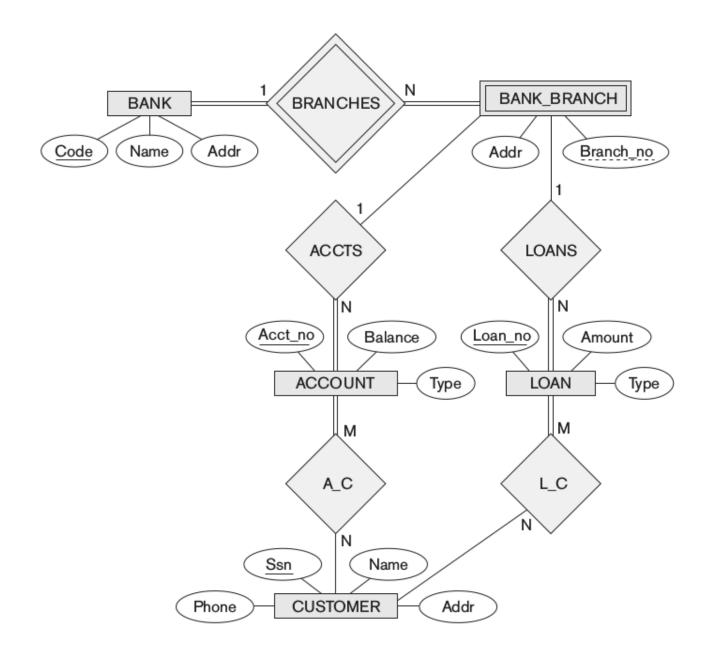
Printer (model, color, type, price)
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Write the following constraints as assertions:

- a) No manufacturer (maker) of PC's may also make laptops.
- b) A manufacturer (maker) of a PC must also make a laptop with at least as great a processor speed.
- c) If a laptop has a larger main memory than a PC, then the laptop must also have a higher price than the PC.
- d) If the relation Product mentions a model and its type, then this model must appear in the relation appropriate to that type.

Problem 2 (8 points)

Consider the ER diagram shown in the figure below for part of a BANK database. Each bank can have multiple branches, and each branch can have multiple accounts and loans.



- a. List the strong (nonweak) entity types in the ER diagram.
- b. Is there a weak entity type? If so, give its name, partial key, and identifying relationship.
- c. What constraints do the partial key and the identifying relationship of the weak entity type specify in this diagram?
- d. List concisely the user requirements that led to this ER schema design.

Problem 3 (8 points)

Design an ER schema for keeping track of information about votes taken in the U.S. House of Representatives during the current two-year congressional session. The database needs to keep track of each U.S. STATE's Name (e.g., 'Texas', 'New York', 'California') and include the Region of the state (whose domain is {'Northeast', 'Midwest', 'Southeast', 'Southwest', 'West'}).

Each CONGRESS_PERSON in the House of Representatives is described by his or her Name, plus the District represented, the Start_date when the congressperson was first elected, and the political Party to which he or she belongs (whose domain is {'Republican', 'Democrat', 'Independent', 'Other'}). The database keeps track of each BILL (i.e., proposed law), including the Bill_name, the Date_of_vote on the bill, whether the bill Passed_or_failed (whose domain is {'Yes', 'No'}), and the Sponsor (the congressperson(s) who sponsored—that is, proposed—the bill). The database also keeps track of how each congressperson voted on each bill (domain of Vote attribute is {'Yes', 'No', 'Abstain', 'Absent'}). Draw an ER schema diagram for this application. State clearly any assumptions you make.

Note: For this problem you may find it useful to use an external source for reading more about how voting is organized.